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Applicants: C. Hauger et al Response under 37 CFR 1.116
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Patent Application
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Amendment after Final Action and
Petition for Extension of Time

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit their petition for an extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 to cover the extension for response within the first month as required by 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 15-0773.

The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any deficiency of payment to Deposit Account No. 15-0773.

In response to the action mailed on December 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.